CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1.   A system for managing first and second network directories, wherein the first network directory is affiliated with a first application and having entries native to the first application, and wherein the second network directory is affiliated with a second application and having entries native to the second application, and wherein an entry native to the first application is non-native to the second application, and wherein an entry native to the second application is non-native to the first application, the system comprising:

a query module for querying the entries of the first and second directories based on the native application of the entry; and

a synchronization module in communication with the query module for updating entries in at least one of the first and second directories based on whether an entry native to the first application resides in the first directory.

2.   The system of claim 1, further comprising:

a categorization module that categorizes entries in the first and second directories according to the native application of the entry.

3.   The system of claim 1, further comprising:

an entry sorting module for sorting the entries in the first and second directories.

4.   The system of claim 1, further comprising:

a data module for communicating user-specified information to the synchronization and query modules.

5.   The system of claim 1, further comprising:

a diagnostic module for identifying differences in entries between the first and second directories.

6.   The system of claim 1, wherein at least one of the first and second network directories are accessible using a Lightweight Directory Access Protocol.

7.   The system of claim 1, wherein at least one of the first and second network directories are not accessible using a Lightweight Directory Access Protocol.

8.   A network comprising:

a first network directory, wherein the first network directory is affiliated with a first application and having entries native to the first application;

a second network directory, wherein the second network directory is affiliated with a second application and having entries native to the second application, and wherein an entry native to the first application is non-native to the second application, and wherein an entry native to the second application is non-native to the first application;

a query module for querying the entries of the first and second directories based on the native application of the entry; and

a synchronization module in communication with the query module for updating

entries in at least one of the first and second directories based on whether an entry native

to the first application resides in the first directory.

9. The network of claim 8, further comprising:

a categorization module that categorizes entries in the first and second directories

according to the native application of the entry.

10. The network of claim 8, further comprising:

an entry sorting module for sorting the entries in the first and second directories.

11. The network of claim 8, further comprising:

a data module for communicating user-specified information to the

synchronization module.

12. The network of claim 8, further comprising:

a diagnostic module for identifying differences in entries between the first and

second directories.

13. A method for managing first and second network directories, wherein the

first network directory is affiliated with a first application having entries native to the first

application, and wherein the second network directory is affiliated with a second

application and having entries native to the second application, and wherein an entry

native to the first application is non-native to the second application, and wherein an

entry native to the second application is non-native to the first application, the method

comprising:

querying entries of the first and second directories based on the native application

of the entry; and

synchronizing entries by updating entries in at least one of the first and second

directories based on whether an entry native to the first application resides in the first

directory.

14.   The method of claim 13 further comprising:

categorizing entries in the first and second directories according to the native

application of the entry.

15.   The method of claim 13, further comprising:

sorting the entries in the first and second directories.

16.   The method of claim 13, further comprising:

communicating user-specified information to the synchronization module using

one or more data files.

17.   The method of claim 13, further comprising:

identifying differences in entries between the first and second directories.

18.   A system for managing first and second network directories, wherein the first network directory is affiliated with a first application and having entries native to the first application, and wherein the second network directory is affiliated with a second application and having entries native to the second application, and wherein an entry native to the first application is non-native to the second application, and wherein an entry native to the second application is non-native to the first application, comprising:

means for querying entries of the first and second directories based on the native application of the entry; and

means for synchronizing the entries by updating entries in at least one of the first and second directories based on whether an entry native to the first application resides in the first directory.

19.   The system of claim 18 further comprising:

means for categorizing entries in the first and second directories according to the native application of the entry.

20.   The system of claim 18, further comprising:

means for sorting the entries in the first and second directories.

21.   The system of claim 18, further comprising:

means communicating user-specified information to the synchronization module using one or more data files.

22.   The system of claim 18, further comprising:

means for identifying differences in entries between the first and second

directories.

23.   A computer-readable medium having stored thereon instructions which,

when executed by a processor, performs the steps of:

querying entries of a first and second directory based on a native application of an

entry wherein the first network directory is affiliated with a first application having

entries native to the first application, and wherein the second network directory is

affiliated with a second application and having entries native to the second application,

and wherein an entry native to the first application is non-native to the second

application, and wherein an entry native to the second application is non-native to the

first application; and

synchronizing entries by updating entries in at least one of the first and second

directories based on whether an entry native to the first application resides in the first

directory.

24.   The method of claim 23 further comprising:

categorizing entries in the first and second directories according to the native

application of the entry.

25.   The method of claim 23, further comprising:

sorting the entries in the first and second directories.

26.   The method of claim 23, further comprising:

communicating user-specified information to the synchronization module using one or more data files.

27.   The method of claim 23, further comprising:

identifying differences in entries between the first and second directories.